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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE IN BASC REGARDING MARCH 17 INCIDENT IN
SOUTH CORRIDOR

REFS: (A) USBERLIN 636; (B) USBERLIN 548

1. FRENCH MISSION DOES NOT AGREE TO TERMINATING
EXCHANGE WITH SOVIETS OR INCIDENT REFS A AND B AND HAS
ASKED FRENCH EMB FOR VIEWS.

2. FRENCH MISSION BELIEVES SOVIET STATEMENT
(REF A) ACCENTUATES SERIOUSNESS OF INCIDENT BECAUSE
STATEMENT CAN BE SEEN AS CLAIM TO RIGHT OF SOVIET
CONTROL OVER ALLIED TRAFFIC IN CORRIDORS. IN VIEW
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OF "ENCROACHMENTS" WHICH THE ARRIVAL OF SOVIET

AMBASSADOR ABRASIMOV MIGHT PORTEND, FRENCH CONSIDER IT
DANGEROUS NOT TO CHALLENGE SOVIET RESPONSE (REF A).

3. WE PREFER NOT TO ENGAGE SOVIETS IN EXTENDED EXCHANGES
ON AIR MATTERS LEST WE PROVIDE OPENING FOR MORE GENERAL
DISCUSSION OF CORRIDOR REGIME. IN THIS CASE, HOWEVER, WE
BELIEVE FRENCH HAVE POINT, BUT WE WOULD WANT MORE EVIDENCE
BEFORE ACCEPTING IMPLICATION THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAS
MALEVOLENT HAND IN MATTER. ACCORDINGLY WE WILL PROPOSE
TO ALLIED MISSIONS THAT WE MAKE MILD COUNTERSTATE-
MENT TO SOVIET CHIEF CONTROLLER TO MEET FRENCH CONCERNs.GEORGE

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